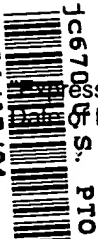


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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION
 UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)**

To the Commissioner for Patents:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1), of pending prior application number 08/723,853, filed on September 30, 1996, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A WORK-AT-HOME TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE.. Enclosed are:

- ☒ 4 sheet(s) of drawings, 26 pages of application (including title page), and the following Appendices : N/A.
- ☐ Declaration.
- ☐ Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ Assignment transmittal letter and Assignment of the invention to : _____.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (8 pages) with Attachment A (1 page).

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Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
For	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	-20	
Indep. Claims	-3	
Multiple Dependent Claims Present		

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Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 355
x\$9=	\$
x\$40=	\$
+\$135=	\$
Total	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 710
x\$18=	\$
x\$80=	\$
+\$270=	\$
Total	\$

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$: _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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